Indo-US Health Summit

874. SHRIMATISYEDAANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J.DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Indian Medical Council and the Indian Medical Association felt completely ignored during the first-ever Indo-US Health Summit organized in Delhi in December, 2007;

(b) if so, whether such a situation developed due to some vested interest or deliberate lack of communication; and

(c) whether we are maintaining reciprocity while recognizing medical degrees from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per information available, Indo-US Health Summit organized in December, 2007 was a private meet and there was no inter action at government level.

(c) Under the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Central Government is empowered to recognize foreign medical degrees within the scheme of reciprocity as well as outside such a scheme.

Eradication of various diseases

875. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people suffering from various diseases like tuberculosis, cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and water-borne diseases;

(b) the total number of deaths due to the above diseases during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the total expenditure incurred by Government on eradication of various diseases including above diseases during the above period, year-wise and disease-wise;

(d) whether Government has assessed the impact of its eradication programmes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Health is a State subject. The Government of India through various National disease control programmes supplement the efforts of the State Governments to control and prevent diseases like Tuberculosis, Cancer, Diabetes, HIV/AIDS and Water-borne diseases in the country. The impact of eradication programmes are discussed at various forums and remedial action taken from time to time. A Statement in this regard is enclosed.